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Mr. M. R. Scharff, 1909, and Mr. A. G. Kellogg, 1909, have been appointed to the *News Staff*.

In the near future the class of 1908 will have the responsibility of choosing its *Technique* Electoral Committee. We cannot

Concerning urge too strongly the necessity of an early and deliberate action. This committee chooses the members of the *Technique* Board, and in order that they may accomplish their task with the best results, an abundance of time is necessary. At best the committee will take several weeks to make its decisions.

The manner of electing this committee has always been a subject of discussion with previous classes, and it is a question which should not be hastily decided. The most important thing is that the best twenty-five men in the class be chosen, and to insure this every Sophomore should endeavor to see that the most representative and deserving members of the class of 1908 are elected. *Technique* is too important to the undergraduates as a whole to permit of the expression of petty jealousy or personal ambition in the choice of the men who are to choose the future editors, and every precaution should be taken to guard against the possibility of a few men influencing the election.

The Tech Fencing Team will meet Harvard twice this year, once on February 23, and the second time in a quadrangular meet on March 2 with Harvard, Yale, and Pennsylvania.

LAST LECTURES ON CHOICE OF COURSE.

Professor Clifford's lecture on Electrical Engineering began the last series of choice of course speeches. Professor Clifford practically eliminated the question of personal aptitude. The question of getting a job on graduation, he regarded a trivial one. The degrees given here are symbols of hard work well performed and any graduate of Technology is certain of a multitude of jobs awaiting him. Four requirements are especially necessary for the engineering student, a respect for natural laws, an unfailing accuracy, an interest in mathematics as a tool of inestimable importance to the engineer, and a training in English.

Professor Chandler followed the first speaker with an exposition on architecture. With the convenience of a first-class technological school at the students' disposal, the Public Library open to him, and the Museum of Fine Arts within a block of the drawing rooms, there is great reason for asserting that the architectural course at the Institute is among the best in the United States.

Professor Swain's lecture on Civil Engineering ended the series. Civil engineering of some sort has always existed and, as a scientific profession, it is as old as any. The innovation of machinery and of the steam engine caused a separation of Mechanical Engineering from it, and the discovery of electricity created another scientific profession in Electrical Engineering. But Civil Engineering still covers many subjects such as: Surveying; Road, Harbor, and Lighthouse Building; Hydraulics; The Construction of Bridges; and Sanitary Engineering.

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